

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Corporate

Question Number: W175-07

Question:

Legal costs what sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others)? What sum did the agency spend on internal legal services and what is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007?

Answer: Mr Andrews –

The answer to the honourable member's question is:

- (a) For 2005-2006, the sum of \$12,101,942.10 (including GST) was paid to external legal service providers for legal services, including training, probity advice and disbursements.
- (b) The cost of internal legal services for 2005-2006 and projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007 are not separately identified.